

**Children's Justice Initiative****Understanding and Applying ICWA: Purpose, Strategies,  
Practice, and Resources****Wednesday, February 14, 2024***Virtual Training via Zoom***Faculty**

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- 9:00 – 9:15            Introductions and Learning Objectives
- 9:15 – 9:45            Historical and Cultural Perspectives Leading to the ICWA
- History of Federal Indian Policy: Dealing With the “Indian Problem”
  - Boarding Schools & Adoption Project: Policies and Practices Necessitating the ICWA
- 9:45 – 10:15        Trauma: Historical, Personal, and Intergenerational
- Overview of Trauma
  - Disproportionality Then and Now
  - What Disproportionality Means for Indian Children
- 10:15 – 10:30        Break
- 10:30 – 11:45        Understanding and Applying the Requirements of ICWA, Regs, and MIFPA
- Definitions and When ICWA Applies
  - Tribal Lineage Inquiry by Child-Placing Agency and Court
  - Notice of State Court Proceeding by Child-Placing Agency
  - Petitioner’s Notice to Tribe, Parents, and Indian Custodian
  - Notice of Hearings by Court Administration
  - Commencement of Foster Care Proceedings
  - Active Efforts and Active Efforts Determinations
  - Placement Preferences
- 11:45 - 12:00        Next Steps, Questions, Wrap Up and Adjourn

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